

Staff Update

On February 3, 2006 Betsy Cooper, our Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Coordinator retired from the SCDNR after 28 years of state service

Map Modernization

The Map Modernization project has been in full swing this quarter and promises to have a very busy spring.

Kershaw County (February 8, 2006) and *Pickens County* (March 1, 2006): PDCC meetings were held this quarter in both Counties. SCDNR is currently working with York, Sumter, Kershaw, and Pickens Counties to respond to comments and recommendations regarding the Preliminary maps they have received.

Beaufort County (February 23, 2006) and *Horry County* (March 6, 2006): Scoping meetings were held in both counties this quarter officially kicking off the map modernization process.

Upcoming Meetings

April 18	Lee County	Scoping
April 19	Dorchester County	Scoping
April 21	Calhoun County	PDCC
April 26	Anderson County	Scoping
April 27	Oconee County	Scoping

*All meetings to be held at 10:00 am. Please contact Amanda Londo at (803) 734-1410 more information.

Elevation Certificates

The newly created form has been approved and its use now required. The template of the new Elevation Certificate is now available online at: <http://www.fema.gov/nfip/elvinst.shtm>.

Community Annexations

When submitting annexation information to the Flood Mitigation Office, please include a copy of the FIRMette/FIRM panel that the property being annexed is located on. If you have any questions please contact Maria Cox at (803) 734-9493.

Don't Forget about the 30th Annual ASFPM Conference Floodplain Management Crossroads

When: June 11-16, 2006

Where: City Convention Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Lodging: Rooms are available at the adjacent Hyatt, Doubletree, and Plaza Inn ranging in price from \$89-\$120 per night.

Registration: For registration information email the ASFPM staff at memberhelp@floods.org or visit the ASFPM website at www.floods.org. Note the early registration discounts are available through May 13, 2006 only.

The conference will include a variety of training workshops, technical field trips, networking activities, and guest tours. Tracks to be presented this year include Mitigation Success Stories, Public Policy and Outreach, Flood Loss Mitigation, NFIP, Floodplain Mapping, Hydrology and Hydraulics, and Levees and Hurricanes.

EDDIE

EDDIE, Express Document Delivery, is the latest enhancement to FEMA's Map Service Center website. Designed to bypass the website's check out pages. EDDIE enables exempt customers to quickly access and download Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Insurance Study reports, Letters of Map Change, and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map databases (where available) for all identified National Flood Insurance Program communities. The following are instructions on how to become a registered user:

1. Go to the Map Service Center Website <https://msc.fema.gov>
2. Under the Log on section click on Register
3. Fill out the registration form.
4. Click Submit
5. You will receive an email verifying your registration

Questions/Concerns/Future Input

If you have information you would like to be added to future volumes of this newsletter or any concerns, please contact us at floodmitigation@dnr.sc.gov.

